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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the office action dated June 8, 2010, setting a 1-month shortened statutory period for a reply which ended on July 8, 2010, the Office requested that the Applicant also elect a species if Group I is elected. In the February 26, 2010 response, the Applicant elected Group 1, including claim 48. The group is drawn to a method of prevention and/or treatment of a list of conditions comprising administering the claimed compound. The Applicant elects the species tetradecylthioacetic acid in the event that a generic claim is not held allowable.

This response is considered to be responsive to all points raised in the office

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action. Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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